

Milwaukee County Board Chairman County Supervisor, 1st District

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## LAWSUIT FILED AGAINST COUNTY EXECUTIVE CHRIS ABELE

The following is a statement from Milwaukee County Board Chairman Theodore Lipscomb, Sr., on the filing of a lawsuit against County Executive Chris Abele:

"We are forced to respond to the Executive's overreach and his creation of a shadow system of compensation to increase the pay of his political appointees, as well as his continued refusal to appear before the public in committee meetings as required by law.

"We file this action because our citizens respect the checks and balances in their government, and the County Executive is not above the law. With today's action, we ask the Courts to hold the County Executive accountable to the law."

Susan Crawford, a partner at Cullen Weston Pines & Bach remarked, "There is a disagreement about the law, a dispute between two branches of government, and it is appropriate that the courts settle the matter."

A copy of the lawsuit is attached.

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